

Remarks:

The Examiner has Objected to the drawings because of certain informalities. Accordingly, the Applicant has included replacement sheets for Figures 1 and 6. The Examiner has objected to the numeral "4" being shown twice in Fig. 2. The Applicant would like to point out that this instance of the numeral "4" is not an element number, but is a section identifier, indicating that Figure 4 is a sectional view taken from the lines 4-4 of Fig. 3.

The Examiner has also objected to the Title of the Invention as not being descriptive of the invention. The title has been amended accordingly.

The Examiner has also objected to the abstract as not being descriptive of the invention. The Applicant has amended the Abstract so as to more accurately describe the invention being claimed.

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of a misspelling on line 7 page 13. Appropriate correction has been made to the specification. The Examiner has also objected to line 5 of claim 1 apparently because of a missing semicolon. Claim 1 has been cancelled making this objection moot.

The Examiner has also objected to the claims for lacking antecedent basis in several locations. Appropriate corrections have been made to overcome these objections.

Allowable subject matter:

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 3 and 5 would be allowable if amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejections. Accordingly, claims 2, 3 and 5 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Therefore, as indicated by the Examiner, claims 2, 3 and 5 as amended are allowable. Claims 4 and 6 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 2. Since claim 2 is allowable, claims 4 and 6 are necessarily allowable over the prior art as

well. In addition, claim 7 has been amended to incorporate language similar to that of claim 2, which rendered claim 2 allowable over the prior art. Therefore, claim 7 as amended is allowable over the prior art. Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled.

The Applicant sincerely believes that the remaining claims are allowable. The Applicant, therefore, requests a notice of allowance on this case. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HJS920040004US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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